

IN THE SPECIFICATION

[0036] The saw blade guides 4, 5 used in this first embodiment are, as clearly shown in Figure 2, plate-shaped and interchangeable. In particular, the forward saw blade guide [[4]] 5 is comprised of an interchangeable plate; a handle 7 facilitates interchanging. The rearward saw blade guide [[6]] 4 comprises, strictly speaking, two plate portions, each of which supports a contact surface 6. The contact surfaces 6 include, as clearly seen here, four hard metal plates arranged flat for abutment on the saw blade 1, here removed. Only the larger plate portion is interchanged in the case of the rearward saw blade guide 5; the smaller plate portion is simply turned around at the fastenings provided there, so that the corresponding contact surface 6 comes to lie further inward or further outward, in order to undertake the required adaptation to the different saw blade diameter. Interchangeable saw blade guides 4', 5' for a smaller diameter blade 1' are shown in dashed lines in Figures 1 and 2. The contact surfaces are indicated at 6' for the smaller diameter blade 1'.

[0038] It is most clearly seen, by comparison of Figures 3 and 4, how the contact surfaces [[8]] 6 of the forward saw blade guide 5 can be adapted to different diameters of the different saw blades 1 that are inserted. The upper contact surface 6 is seated for this purpose on a mounting 12, which is releasably or at least pivotably fixed to the forward saw blade guide 5. Here three pivot positions are provided, and are predetermined by three bores.